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## THE LATE DR. F. POSTMA

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### English Newspaper's Tribute

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The following tribute to Dr. Postma in a leading article, written by Mr. C. V. Bate, appeared in The Potchefstroom Herald on Friday, November 10, 1950:

"News of the death of Dr. Ferdinand Postma, Rector of the Potchefstroom University College and former vice-Chancellor of the University of South Africa, was received with deep regret by a circle extending far outside the actual realm of Afrikaans education, in regard to which

he took such a prominent part. The late Dr. Postma was generally revered, being a man of outstanding cultural attainments and possessing a personality of quiet charm and a sympathetic nature which was enhanced by his wide literary and theological knowledge. He was, indeed, one of Nature's gentlemen, and his passing brings a very real sense of loss particularly to the Potchefstroom University College, now on the threshold of its elevation to full university status. In a sense Dr. Postma was the P.U.C., which he had seen grow from such small beginnings and in the development of which he had played such a leading part, his example and work and interest having been through the years an inspiration to all who were associated with him in the important sphere of Higher Christian National Education. His appointment to the vice-Chancellorship of the University of South Africa was a clear indication not only of the esteem in which he was held but recognition of the fact that he was regarded as a power in the Union's educational world. He was a patriot in the highest sense and his fervour for the promotion of every interest tending to the advancement of Afrikaans culture did not obscure his broadminded outlook on every phase of South African affairs in general, and with which was incorporated a very real interest in the progress and the social and educational welfare of the Old Capital."

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